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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING
FLOATING POINT OPERATIONS INVOLVING
EXTENDED EXPONENTS
Inventors: Guy L. Steele Jr.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 50 pages, including 9 independent claims and 25 claims total.
2. Drawings- 13 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-13).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Sun Microsystems, Inc.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

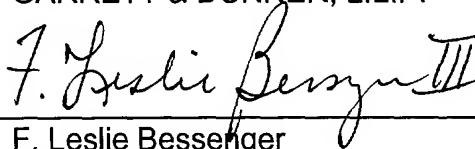
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Respectfully submitted,

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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	25	-	20	5	x \$18	90.00
Independent Claims	9	-	3	6	x \$84	504.00
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Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/293,173 filed May 25, 2001.

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2. Patent Application Transmittal Letter
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